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In re Application of  
Blair Lewis Stringam et al.  
Application No. 09/640,710  
Filed: August 18, 2000  
Attorney Docket No.: REC-6201  
Title: CONTINUOUS FLOW  
MEASUREMENT RECORDER AND  
RECORDING METHOD

DECISION ON PETITION UNDER  
37 C.F.R. §1.137(b)

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR §1.137(b)<sup>1</sup>, filed February 22, 2005, to revive the above-identified application.

The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to submit the issue fee in a timely manner in reply to the Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due, mailed July 14, 2004, which set a shortened statutory period for reply of three (3) months. No extensions of time are permitted for transmitting issue fees<sup>2</sup>. Accordingly, the above-identified application became abandoned on October 15, 2004. A Notice of Abandonment was mailed on November 22, 2004.

With the petition, Petitioner has submitted the petition and issue fees, and has made the proper statement of unintentional delay.

Petitioner has met all requirements for a grantable petition under 37 C.F.R. §1.137(b). As such, the petition is **GRANTED**.

The application file is being forwarded to the Office of Patent Publications for further processing into a patent.

<sup>1</sup> A grantable petition pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b) must be accompanied by:

- (1) The reply required to the outstanding Office action or notice, unless previously filed;
- (2) The petition fee as set forth in § 1.17(m);
- (3) A statement that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to this paragraph was unintentional. The Commissioner may require additional information where there is a question whether the delay was unintentional, and;
- (4) Any terminal disclaimer (and fee as set forth in § 1.20(d)) required pursuant to paragraph (d) of this section.

<sup>2</sup> See MPEP §710.02(e).

It is noted that the address listed on the petition differs from the address of record. The application file does not indicate a change of correspondence address has been filed in this case, although the address given on the petition differs from the address of record. If petitioner desires to receive future correspondence regarding this application, the change of correspondence address must be submitted. A courtesy copy of this decision will be mailed to petitioner. However, all future correspondence will be directed to the address of record until such time as appropriate instructions are received to the contrary. Petitioner will not receive future correspondence related to this application unless Change of Correspondence Address, Patent Form (PTO/SB/122) is submitted for the above-identified application. For petitioner's convenience, a blank Change of Correspondence Address, Patent Form (PTO/SB/122), may be found at <http://www.uspto.gov/web/forms/sb0122.pdf>.

It is not apparent whether the person signing the statement of unintentional delay was in a position to have firsthand or direct knowledge of the facts and circumstances of the delay at issue. Nevertheless, such statement is being treated as having been made as the result of a reasonable inquiry into the facts and circumstances of such delay<sup>3</sup>. In the event that such an inquiry has not been made, petitioner must make such an inquiry. If such inquiry results in the discovery that the delay in paying the maintenance fee under 37 CFR 1.378(c) was intentional, petitioner must notify the Office.

The general phone number for the Office of Petitions which should be used for status requests is (571) 272-3282. Telephone inquiries regarding this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3225.



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<sup>3</sup> See 37 CFR 10.18(b); cf. Changes to Patent Practice and Procedure; Final Rule Notice, 62 Fed. Reg. 53131, 53178 (October 10, 1997), 1203 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 63, 103 (October 21, 1997).